

# "The Voice" of First United Methodist Church

"A community of believers centered on God and focused on others."

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Clinton, Mississippi 39056

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Sunday Morning Services

8:45 and 10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. — Contemporary Worship Service in the Worship Center

March 3, 2010

## *Mitchell's Moments*

### *A DOLLAR & A QUARTER!*

Although we realize that we are only here on this earth for a relatively short time, most of us avoid thinking about the inevitable. Somehow, it is as though we think we'll live forever. Well, in a sense, that's true, we will live forever, only not here. The chapters of our memory book of life which we write each day are but a prelude to our life in eternity.

It's important, therefore, to consider how this impacts our use of the funds and possessions which God has given to us. As we have seen repeatedly, God owns everything. He has never relinquished His title deed to the world. We are stewards who are responsible to use His resources wisely. And part of that usage includes giving to the Lord's work, particularly here at First United Methodist Church.

Some Christians are saving all that they can for the eventual "rainy day," to the exclusion of giving to God as they should or as God has prospered them. The only problem is that for many of them, their "rainy day" never comes because their life ends much sooner than they anticipated. Then the words of an anonymous poet thunders across time and eternity:

Not, how did he die?  
But, how did he live?  
Not, what did he gain?  
But, what did he give?

These are the merits  
To measure the worth  
Of a man as man,  
Regardless of birth.

It's true that we cannot "take it with us." It's also true that once we stand on the threshold of eternity, our giving will be over. Doesn't it stand to reason, therefore, that giving here and now should be a priority in our lives? Or as someone said, "You can't take your money with you, but you can send it on ahead."

*It's not what you'd do with a million  
Should riches ever be your lot;  
But what are you doing at present  
With the dollar and quarter you've got?*

*Mitchell*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

RENEE NEBLETT

## C.A.M.O. Kids

### Christ's Army/Mother's Outing

C.A.M.O. Kids is a need-based baby sitting ministry within FUMC for the parents of children of any age. All baby sitting will take place in the family home by a trained youth or young adult from the church. This ministry will provide the payment for the sitters from the fundraising efforts. The service will be offered from November 1st through January 31st. For more information, contact Renee at renee@fumcclinton.org

# MUSIC NOTES

TOMMY STEADMAN

The FUMC Choir and Orchestra did a great job last Sunday morning. Thanks to all of you for sharing your talents with our congregation. Speaking of our orchestra, we are in need of trombone players. Scott Crew will be moving to Houston, Texas for a job promotion soon. Scott, we all thank you so much for your years of faithful service to the FUMC Orchestra. May God go with you in the move and the new job.

Our Children's Bell Choir attended the Mississippi Baptist Young Ringers Festival last Saturday. It was a great day of music and fun as we rang together with about 75 other young people. Thank you, parents, for your support during this event.

Don't forget the "Carillon" concert this Sunday afternoon at 3pm. This handbell choir from USM is awesome and very entertaining. Hope to see you all there.

Have a great week and I'll see you in God's house next Sunday morning.

In His Service,  
Tommy

### Calendar of Events and Important Dates

March 7-USM Carillon Handbell Concert at FUMC, 3:00 pm  
May 12—Handbell concert in Family Life Building at 6:00 pm  
April 11 – Easter Music (The Sunday after Easter)  
June 18-19 – AGEHR Area VI Summer Handbell Workshop in Vicksburg  
TBA – Spring Handbell Concert & Summer Youth Choir Trip

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Nel Joyner and all those who helped her with the wonderful farewell pot luck luncheon last Sunday. We had a wonderful response from our congregation in expressing love and best wishes for Davis Winstead on his new job.

## SAFE SANCTUARY NEWS



Please help us keep your children safe!

Beginning March 14th, all children—ages nursery through 3rd grade—will be given arm bands. The parents will also be given a corresponding arm band which will allow them to pick their child up after Sunday School. Only a parent with the arm band will be able to pick the child up.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

On March 14th, we will be changing the order of worship on Sunday mornings. This will enable our children to participate in the time of giving during the worship service. Parents, please look in the pews for special children's offering envelopes.



## EASTER LILIES

Call the church office now to order your Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one.

These may be placed in the Sanctuary or in the Fellowship Worship Center. The cost is \$10 for each lily. Call now to order.



## NOTE OF THANKS

We will always be grateful for your love and support during this time of great sadness when we lost our loved one. A special thanks to Jayne and her crew for the delicious and beautiful luncheon.

Your cards, letters, telephone calls and most of all your prayers have helped to sustain us during this difficult time. We cannot thank you enough.

The Jack Lilley Family



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

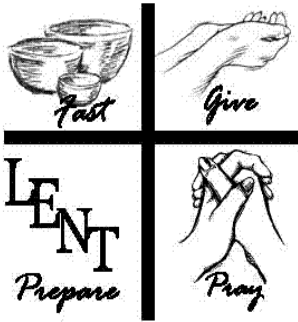
April 1st—Maundy Thursday Service  
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary  
April 2nd—Good Friday Service  
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary  
April 3rd—Easter Eggstravaganza  
10:00 a.m. in the gym

## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

6:30 Sunrise Service at front steps  
7:00 Pancake Breakfast in Gym  
8:15 Traditional Service/Sanctuary  
10:00 Traditional Service/Sanctuary  
10:45 Connection Service in Fellowship/Worship Center

There will be no Sunday School or Sunday evening activities at the church on Easter Sunday.

## LENTEN LUNCHES



Lenten Lunches will continue each Tuesday through March 30th. These will be brown bag lunches at noon in the Gym. The United Methodist Women will provide drinks, chips, and dessert. Our speaker March 9th will be Rev. Mike Sahler from Raymond United Methodist Church.

# Youth News

STEVIE JONES

### Sunday

8:45 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
 6:45 p.m. Youth Worship in Worship Center

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m.—Jr/Sr High Small Groups

### Upcoming Events

Chicago Trip—March 18-21  
April 18—Youth Parent Meeting  
BigStuf—June 7-11

For more information on Youth activities:  
[www.fumclinton.org/youth](http://www.fumclinton.org/youth)



**WORK DAY**  
 at the  
**CHURCH**

## WORK DAY MARCH 6, 2010

We will have a church-wide work day on Saturday, March 6th. Please come and join us from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Bring your yard tools and enjoy the fellowship as we work together to beautify God's house and lawn.

## HANDBELL CONCERT MARCH 7TH



"Carillon," the handbell choir from the University of Southern Mississippi, will be in concert here at FUMC on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. Don't miss this!

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 14th, at 7:20 a.m. in the gym. The cost is \$5 with all proceeds going to local missions.



## CHURCH WIDE

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

MARCH 6TH, 5-9 P.M.

There will be a FAMILY GAME NIGHT and COVERED DISH SUPPER on Saturday, March 6th from 5-9 p.m.

Please bring two dishes per family (tea and water will be provided). Nursery will be provided up to two years old. There will be supervised childcare and fun in the gym.

Call the church office by Thursday, March 4th and please let us know how many children per family will be coming.

# COLLEGE MINISTRY NEWS

CASEY COMBEST

Several of our college age group will be going on a mission trip to Tanzania this summer. Financial help is needed to help make this trip possible. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please designate "Africa Trip" on your check. Contact Casey at [casey@fumclinton.org](mailto:casey@fumclinton.org).

## MISSIONS NEWS

MIKE GROVE

SPAGHETTI LUNCH  
 MARCH 7TH



There will be a Missions Spaghetti Lunch on Sunday, March 7th, in the Family Life Building. The hours will be from 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. for take-out or eat-in. Tickets are available in the church office. Come enjoy a delicious meal and help support our FUMC mission efforts.



GARAGE SALE  
 APRIL 9TH AND 10TH

The storage trailer is here and is open on Mondays and Wednesdays and Sundays.

Please start placing your items in the trailer now. Pre-Sale is from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9th. The sale will be open to the public from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday and from 7:00 a.m.—noon on Saturday, April 10th.

**If you can help in any way, please contact Lisa Bullock (925-5028) or Mike Grove (924-1630).**

## UMW CIRCLE NEWS

Grace Circle—Lenten Lunch, Tuesday, March 9th, at noon in the Gym.

Naomi Circle—Will meet on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kyran Davis, 108 Hickory Hills Drive in Clinton.

**WE SUPPORT THE MISSION OF CHRIST THROUGH OUR:**

**PRESENCE**

02/28/10	
8:45	212
10:45	210
Connection	110
Nursery	14
Total	546

**FINANCIAL GIVING**

Rec'd for Budget (02/28/10)	17,383.01
Miscellaneous Offerings	8,894.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,277.01</b>

**PRAYERS**

A prayer list is available each Sunday at the front and rear entrances of the Sanctuary.

**STAFF PERSON ON CALL**

March 6—Clint Ware  
[601-850-7568]

[This number for emergency use only]

**HOSPITAL VISITATION SCHEDULE**

Monday— Rev. Mitchell Hedgepeth  
Tuesday—Rev. James Hatch  
Wednesday— Rev. Clint Ware  
Thursday— Rev. David Greene  
Friday— Rev. Hedgepeth or Rev. Ware

**THURSDAY LUNCHEON**

The Thursday Luncheon will be at Noon on March 25th in the Family Life Building. This luncheon is open to all ages—everyone is welcome! Bring a dish and join us for Christian fellowship and good food!

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER**

**March 10th**

Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Potato with toppings, Green Beans, Roll, Tea and Dessert.

**SENIOR ADULTS**  
**BETTY PICKETT**

**March 11th**—"Cock of the Walk" for dinner. The bus will be ready to leave the church at 5:15.

**April 19th**—Senior Health Fair at the Clinton Health Plex. We will not take a bus from the church since this event is here in Clinton.

**May 4th**—Day trip to Camp Wesley Pines for fun, games and lunch.

**June 10th**—Trip to Governor's Mansion.

To sign up for any senior adult activity, call Betty Pickett at the church office (601-924-6671).

**OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO . . .**

**Wilma Daniel and family** on the death of her sister, **Edna Keenan**, of Laurel on February 3, 2010. Her funeral was held at Franklin United Methodist Church in Laurel.

**Jerry Tharp and family** on the death of his father, **James A. Tharp, Sr.** on March 2, 2010 in Mobile, AL. His service will be held in Hattiesburg, MS.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this difficult time in the coming weeks.

**OUR NEWEST ARRIVAL**

Sydney Lucille Allen, daughter of Allyn and Chris Allen, was born on February 25, 2010. She is also welcomed by big sister, Shelby. Proud grandparents are Bette Clark of FUMC, Gary Clark of Columbus, MS, and Janet and Kenny Allen of Clinton.

Please keep this family in your prayers in the coming weeks.

When you can't be here in person, tune in to morning worship on Sundays 11-12:00 noon on WFMN-FM 97.3 Jackson! You are invited to hear sermons each Sunday morning. Visit [www.fumccanton.org](http://www.fumccanton.org) and click on the sermon of your choice.

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